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Castaic Woman Charged with Fatally Stabbing Father

A Castaic woman will be in court today, charged with murdering her 87-year-old father, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Denise Ann Gillis (dob 2/22/66) faces one count of murder with an allegation that she was armed with a knife.

Arraignment for case PA081854 is scheduled today in Department 130 of the Los Angeles Superior Court, San Fernando Branch.

James Gillis was found dead on Sept. 5 inside his bedroom in the house he shared with the defendant, prosecutors said. He had several stab wounds and injuries on his head that had allegedly been inflicted the previous day.

Prosecutors recommended bail at more than \$1 million. If convicted as charged, Gillis faces a maximum sentence of 26 years to life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Santa Clarita Station.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to seeking justice for victims of crime and enhancing public safety. Last year, the [Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office](http://da.lacounty.gov) prosecuted more than 73,000 felony defendants and 113,000 misdemeanor defendants.